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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER L A 36 238
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/006897		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known) (see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/520990
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 30 June 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 11 July 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION Stents Comprising SGC Activators		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Alonso-Alija, et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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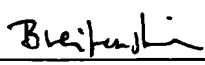
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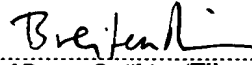
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